

**INDIANA ARTS COMMISSION
COMMITTEE ON THE FUTURE**

March 3, 2015

Arts Commission Office, 100 N. Senate Avenue, Room N505
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Kathy Anderson, Chair

Minutes

Members present: none

Members via teleconference: Kathy Anderson, Jim Bodenmiller (at-large), Susan Hardwick, Jeff Kirk, Susan Mendenhall (at-large), Suzie Rentschler, Sherry Stark, Dick Stifel (at-large), Trevor Yager

Members absent: Gil Cárdenas, Karen Ellerbrook, Vicki Pool (at-large)

Arts Commission staff present: Michelle Anderson, Ann Fields, Dennis Hardin, Lewis Ricci, Rex Van Zant

Note: Due to lack of quorum, no actions were taken during this meeting.

1. **Welcome and Introductions.** Commissioner Kathy Anderson convened the meeting at 10:05 a.m. Arts Commission Executive Assistant Dennis Hardin called the roll. Arts Commission Executive Director Lewis Ricci announced that Commissioner Jon Ford has resigned his commission, owing to his election to the Indiana Senate.

2. **Review and Approval of Agenda and November Minutes.** No action was taken. The minutes from the November 18, 2004 meeting of the COF and the minutes from this meeting will be presented for approval at the next regular meeting of the committee.

3. **Financials.** Arts Commission Deputy Director Michelle Anderson presented a handout (attached) showing the agency's FY 2015 budget, current through January 31, 2015. She highlighted that there is still approximately \$40,000 in unspent funds for Capacity Building activities; Mr. Ricci commented that staff is exploring ways to best put the funds to use this year. Mr. Ricci introduced new Arts Commission staff member Ann Fields, who has filled the position of Communications and Community Engagement Manager.

4. **Strategic Planning Process Update.** Mr. Ricci reviewed the timeline for the next Arts Commission Strategic Plan. Calendar year 2015 will be devoted to information gathering and research, the instruments for which are currently under development. Commissioner Sherry Stark has accepted the position of chair of the planning committee. Professional facilitators have been engaged, including Sara Peterson, Miah Michaelson and Susan Zurbuchen, all of whom have served in similar capacities over

recent years, and all of whom will provide *pro bono* services. Mr. Ricci asked everyone to consider and offer names of qualified individuals who would be productive members of a steering committee to be formed later this year. He would like to present a list of possible members at the next meeting of the full Commission on March 20.

5. **Cultural Trust.** In the absence of Vicki Pool, at-large member of the Committee on the Future from the office of the State Treasurer, Arts Commission Marketing and Communications Director Rex Van Zant presented the Cultural Trust report (attached). The balance of the fund as of January 31 is \$2,758,886.68. Commissioner Susan Hardwick requested that the Committee on the Future be given regular confirmations of roll-overs of the funds in the three certificates of deposit which comprise the fund. She also suggested that the Arts Commission needs a written investment policy for the funds.

6. **Communications Update.** Mr. Van Zant presented the Communications report (attached).

7. **Advocacy Advisory Committee Update.** Mr. Ricci reported that the ad-hoc advocacy advisory committee continues its work.

8. **Old Business/New Business.** There was no old business. There was no new business.

9. **Adjourn.** Commissioner Anderson thanked everyone for their participation and closed the meeting at 10:30 a.m.